

## FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: April 10, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 783 - HB 1204**

This bill, if enacted, will require all local education agencies to establish alternative schools by July 1, 1997, for students in grades 1-6 who have been suspended from attendance at school or expelled from a regular school program.

The bill makes attendance in an alternative school for grades 1-6 mandatory but subject to the availability of certified teachers and makes alternative school attendance mandatory in grades 7-12.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of approximately \$8,160,000. This estimate is based on a cost of \$60,000 to establish an alternative school which includes the cost of a teacher and aide with benefits, materials and supplies.

According to the Department of Education, there are presently three local education agencies (LEAs) operating alternative schools for grades 1-6. Therefore,

Number of LEAs required to establish alternative schools	136
Cost per alternative school	<u>\$60,000</u>
Increase in State Expenditures	<u>\$8,160,000</u>

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director